



Sutton Memorial Theater
Sutton High School
383 Boston Road, Sutton, MA
Dress Rehearsal - Saturday June 1
Performances - Sunday June 2
11:00am and 3:00pm

Dear Parents,

Each year as part of their dance program, the students of Dance It Up! participate in the Spring Dance Recital. We believe this presentation helps our students develop poise, self-confidence, and a sense of achievement. **Regular class attendance is very important to ensure that dancers are confident in their performance.** The following information has been compiled to help you and your dancer prepare for the dress rehearsal and performance. Please pay close attention to the details; our goal is to provide an exceptional performance experience for everyone!

It is time to start preparing for our Spring Dance Recital “Give My Regards to Broadway”. Please mark your calendar with the following dates!

Pictures with Shiers Photography - Saturday June 1 10:30-12:30pm

Dress Rehearsals - Saturday June 1

Performances of “Give My Regards to Broadway” - Sunday June 2

Pictures with Shiers Photography will be held on Saturday June 1 at Sutton High School. [Please sign up using the linked Google form.](#) The photographers appreciate knowing how many students plan on having their photos taken.

DRESS REHEARSAL and PERFORMANCE Costume/Appearance Instructions:

Hair: Bun, centered at the back of the head, please use a hairnet and hairpins to secure. Please watch our [“Bun Demo” video on the website](#) for instructions. If a head piece is included as part of your costume, please secure it to the **left side** of the dancer’s bun. Please do hair at home prior to arrival. Performance Hair Kits are available for purchase in Sugarplums or online www.danceitup.com/sugarplums.

Makeup: Neutral color eyeshadows, light blush - please apply makeup at home.

Shoes: Please clean all shoes (ballet, tap, hip hop, jazz boots, and Irish Step shoes) with a damp cloth to remove any marks. Laces should be tied and (for ballet slippers) tucked. Leather ballet slippers are required for performances.

Costumes: Please write the dancer’s initials on the costume tag and keep the costume(s) hung in the garment bag. Do not wear jewelry, underpants, or nail polish. We will distribute a new pair of performance tights at departure from dress rehearsal at the Sugarplums Pop-Up Shop; be sure to stop by on your way out! If a dancer is in more than one dance, they must wear a skin-colored camisole leotard so that they are covered while changing. Camisole leotards are available for purchase in Sugarplums. If your dancer’s costumes require different colored tights, the tan tights go on under the camisole and the pink tights are layered over the tan tights and camisole.

DRESS REHEARSAL PROCEDURE on JUNE 1:

DRESS REHEARSAL IS CLOSED TO EVERYONE EXCEPT DANCERS AND ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN ONLY.

NO SIBLINGS!!! Please plan ahead! This is for the benefit and safety of the children dancing. Dress rehearsal is the teachers' time to help the dancers get acclimated to the theater. It is impossible for them to accomplish this without the cooperation of everyone involved. We thank you for your understanding.

A detailed schedule of the dress rehearsal will be posted on the website at

<https://www.danceitup.com/2024-spring-dance-recital>.

DRESS REHEARSAL ARRIVAL PROCEDURE: At your designated arrival time, enter Sutton High School, pass through the main entrance, cross the courtyard to the theater. You will find our check-in desk directly in the theater lobby. You will be directed by our staff to the designated dressing area for your child's class. **Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your designated rehearsal time. The rehearsal order shown does not reflect the actual order the dancers will be rehearsing; it represents the timeframe in which they will rehearse.**

- ONE accompanying parent is welcome to enter the auditorium to watch the rehearsal.
- Video and flash photography **ARE ALLOWED AT DRESS REHEARSAL ONLY.**
 - **VIDEO and FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE RECITAL!** We contract with a professional videographer who films the entire show. A link to download a digital copy will be sent to you mid summer.
- Dismissal will be announced after each class is finished rehearsing. **Stop by the Sugarplums pop-up to pick up your performance tights.**

SPRING DANCE RECITAL on June 2:

RECITAL ARRIVAL PROCEDURE:

Dancers should arrive in costume and full make-up at:

- **10:00am arrival for the 11:00am show**
- **2:00pm for the 3:00pm show**
- **Dancers are expected to remain at the venue between shows they are performing in. They will be supervised by staff; guests are encouraged to leave the venue and return for subsequent performances.**

RECITAL ARRIVAL: Enter through the main doors of Sutton High School (as described above). Check-in with the staff. Dancers should go directly to their designated dressing areas to check in with chaperones. **ONE PARENT** is requested to quickly settle their dancer(s) with their group and return to the **theater lobby**. The auditorium doors will open approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of the show.

DURING THE RECITAL:

- Children will stay in their assigned room with their class and chaperones throughout the show and will return to the stage for our finale.
- Parents are asked not to go backstage after dropping off their dancer and especially once the show begins. This is out of respect for those in the audience and the dancers performing.
- No iPads or electronics.
- Show 1 and Show 2 are approximately 2 hours long. There is no intermission.

For student performing in more than one show:

- A bagged lunch, prepared by Bushel and Peck of Grafton, is available for pre-purchase through Dance It Up! (<https://www.danceitup.com/2024-spring-dance-recital>); DIU staff will deliver the pre-purchased lunches to the dancers.

- You may bring lunch/snacks from home, just be sure the food is not messy or could easily be spilled on a costume. **Please do not bring nut products.** We have students with severe allergies.
- Dancers should bring a large button up shirt or a Dance It Up! Jacket to cover their costume (or camisole) while eating lunch between shows.

RECITAL DISMISSAL PROCEDURE:

Intro to Dance, Ballet/Tap I and II, and Hip Hop and Handstands classes will be **dismissed from the stage following the Grand Finale.** **ONE parent/guardian** will be asked to come to the front of the stage to greet your child.

Fundamentals I/II, III/IV, Hip Hop, Irish Step, Acro, Latin, Contemporary, Dance Jam, Dance Prep, Senior Prep and Seniors will go back to their dressing areas to gather their belongings and then will be brought out to the lobby by teachers/chaperones to meet with parents.

Sugarplums

Specially selected merchandise will be available at our

Performance Pop-Up Shop!

You may also shop early in-store and [online at Sugarplums](#). We will beautifully wrap your gifts to pick-up on the day of the show!

To order **FLOWERS** for your performer, [please complete our online order form](#). Your bouquet will be available for pickup at the gift and flower kiosk at SHS on the day of the performance. We will **not** have extra bouquets for sale.

Thank you for all your support! We look forward to a GREAT SHOW!